Government Nominees on Committees of EPCs and FIEOs

96. SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and titles of Government nominees on the Managing Committees/Committees of Administration of Export Promotion Councils and Federation of Indian Export Organisations as on 1.7.1995;

(b) what are the functions of such nominees; and

(c) whether Government get feedback on the working of the EPCs and FIEOs through their nominees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A statement giving the names and designations of Government nominees on the Managing Committees/Committees of Administration of Export Promotion Councils and FIEO in enclosed as in Annexure [*See* Appendix 174, Annexure No. 6]

(b) No specific functions have been prescribed in respect of such nominees. However, in general the Govt. nominees are to promote the objectives set out for the EPCs in the Exim Policy as also in the Articles of Associations of the respective EPC of which they are the members.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Shortage of foodgrains for supply through PDS

97. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to late arrival of Monsoon, there is reported shortage of foodgrains in many parts of the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, steps Government propose to maintain regular supply of essential items to the consumers through Public Distribution System, indicating whether items like edible oils are likely to be given; and

(c) whether Government have sufficient stock of foodgrains to continue regular supply line; what are the figures of stock position of wheat, rice, sugar etc. in the country, State-wise, including imports; if any, during 1994-95 and till date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The Central Government has not received any report of shortages of foodgrains in any part of the country, including Rajasthan, due to late arrival of monsoon.

(b) The provisional stock position of rice and wheat in Central Pool as on 1.7.1995 stood at 35.6 million tons as against buffer stocking norms of 22.3 million tons of foodgrains. The stock position in Central Pool is comfortable and adequate to service the needs of Public Distribution System. The Central Government allocates imported edible oil from time to time to States/U.Ts. for distribution through PDS based on the demands received from States/U.Ts. and availability of imported stock. For the year 1995-96, Central Government, has arranged for import of 1.5 lakh tonnes of RBD Palmolein oil for the PDS.

(c) A statement showing the Statewise position of stocks of rice and wheat is enclosed (*see* below) Levy sugar for the PDS is lifted from the sugar factories every month based on their production. During 1994-95, Central Government arranged to import around 9.77 lakh tonnes of sugar in order to maintain supplies for the PDS, as domestic production of sugar was inadequate.